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The thrifty, industrious farmers of Southern Dakota are denied the choice of their own Governor and the protection which a state government would afford them solely because of the crime of being Republicans.

It looks at this distance as if the first person whose support it is necessary for the managers of President Arthur's Senatorial boom to secure is that of Mr. Arthur himself. According to all reports he has repeatedly asserted that he would not enter into a scramble for the place. But it is as plain as the nose on a man's face that there is going to be, or rather that there is already, a scramble.

At the New Orleans exhibition politics and labor questions have both cropped out. Several members of New York trades assemblies, visiting the exposition, were indignant to find, on exhibition, specimens of work performed at the Texas penitentiary. They improved the opportunity by reading the South and the Democrats a lesson on the evil of bringing servile labor into competition with free toil. The Tribune's New Orleans special reports them as threatening to call, through the lips of Cox, the attention of Congress to the appearance of the fruits of convict labor in an exposition aided by national funds. They seem confident, also, of their ability to create in the Southern States a commotion over the use of prison labor; and they give a lively account of the methods, already somewhat familiar, pursued in order to keep the prison shops full. One story is that a colored man was condemned to a life imprisonment for purloining a ham and some chickens.

The evidence that Gov. Begole's action in pardoning Van Wagener was an outrage on the people among whom the villain is to be set loose, grows as circumstances become better known. The story which the prisoner told a reporter is without doubt a web of fabrications, and has already called forth an emphatic denial from ex-Governor Jerome of the statement that he ever promised to pardon Van Wagener. The ex-Governor adds: "His release from prison is an outrage, in my judgment. It simply turns him out to join a band of robbers and murderers to which he formerly belonged." Before committing his dastardly crime, Van Wagener lived at Muskegon. The news of that place, which has always supported Gov. Begole, says: "Ionia people criticize severely Van Wagener's pardon by Gov. Begole. So does nearly every one who knows fully the circumstances of the case, and who has any regard for justice." The Chicago Tribune says of Gov. Begole: "He has most shamefully used the pardoning power since he held the office of Governor. All his sympathies seem to run out toward the criminal classes. Law-abiding people he appears to hold in contempt." These expressions are only a sample of many of like character. Gov. Begole's action is not merely an outrage on the people of Michigan, but it is a disgrace to the State in the eyes of other states.

THE NICARAGUA TREATY.
On account of the importance of the proposed treaty with Nicaragua, and the fact that so few persons appear to comprehend its character, it may be well to state briefly its terms and conditions. The treaty provides for the building of an inter-oceanic ship-canal across the isthmus of Nicaragua by the United States, to be owned by them and the Republic of Nicaragua. The United States are to have full liberty in locating and constructing the canal, while Nicaragua gives free right of way to the canal and all spaces necessary to its construction, together with the right of way for a railroad and telegraph lines from one terminal of the canal to the other. Nicaragua promises to appropriate any private property required, for which the United States are to pay the value fixed by a commission selected by the two nations. A strip of territory two and a-half English miles in width, the middle of which shall coincide with the middle of the canal, shall be set aside and owned by the contracting parties, jointly. Over this Nicaragua shall have civil jurisdiction. No customs or tolls shall be levied except by the two nations jointly, but Nicaragua shall provide a police system. The United States agree to furnish money to build the canal and its accessories. The management of the canal shall be vested in a board of six managers, three appointed by the President of the United States, and confirmed by the Senate, and three by the Republic of Nicaragua. All the proceeds shall be applied, first to the maintenance of the canal, and then of the balance one-third shall be paid to Nicaragua and two-thirds to the United States. The United States disavow any

intention to impair the sovereignty of Nicaragua, and engage to begin the work within two years, and to complete it within ten years from the time of beginning. Any difficulties between the parties to the treaty shall be submitted to a friendly power for arbitration. The United States also agree to use their good offices, if desired, in securing the union of the five Central American republics. This government further agrees to loan Nicaragua \$4,000,000 at 3 per cent., to be applied in improving the internal commercial facilities of the latter Republic, and Nicaragua agrees that the United States shall receive Nicaragua's share of the net proceeds of the canal until the debt is paid. The treaty must be ratified as soon as possible, but within two years.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Kansas City Journal: The St. John convention in Kansas was a very insignificant body. It represented less than 5,000 votes.

Philadelphia Press: Carl Schurz says he wants nothing, and that's just what the new firm had concluded to give him, Happy conscience; very.

Buffalo Telegraph: Criminal Chicago now rejoices in a "highwaywoman." We cannot be too thankful that the reporter did not write her up a "highwaylady."

Philadelphia Press: Col. Watterson and his tar-eyed goddess of reform are to dance with Benjy Butler and Betsy Ann Lockwood in the first quadrille at the inauguration ball.

Chicago Inter Ocean: If Dakota had a saloon on every hill top instead of a school house, and voted the straight Democratic ticket, she would come in with a bounce and a yell.

Chicago Evening Journal: The past year has been full of events to show that this country wants an extradition treaty with Canada that will return criminals rather than protect them.

Chicago Inter Ocean: When Cleveland gets to Washington he will likely order Colonel Vilas, of Wisconsin, shipped to him by the most direct route. And it will not be a bad order, either.

Buffalo Express: Enough fuss has been made over the confirmation of Secretary McCulloch to warrant the suspicion that that personage was being saddled upon the treasury for life, instead of stopping a gap till the present administration dies.

Burlington Hawkeye: When Grover Cleveland is installed in the Presidential office on the 4th of next March, he should take an oath in form and substance like this: "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and Maria Halpin."

Indianapolis Journal: It is said that the sugar-growers are greatly wrought up over the possibility of the ratification of the Spanish treaty. Why so? The sugar-growing States returned majorities for the party that favors "progressive free trade." Why not free trade in sugar?

Detroit Free Press: It is possible, of course, that searching examination may disclose serious objections to the proposed San Domingo treaty. It is possible, also, that it may fall even without serious objections because of the objectionable company in which it is found. But on its face it is an instrument to be commended.

John R. Lynch to be Married.

John R. Lynch of Mississippi, the colored ex-Congressman who was temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention at Chicago, is to be married to Miss Ella Somerville, who, though the child of colored parents, is white. She is a native of Mobile, Ala., and received a thorough education at the North, graduating at the Normal school at Salem. During the last six years she has been a teacher in the Summer public school at Washington, one of her sisters being a clerk in the Treasury and another working in the Government Printing office.

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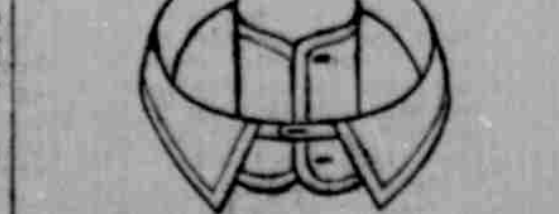
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